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1. KOREA

AP REPORTS COMMERCE SEC. RICHARDSON INTENTION TO VISIT SEOUL LATE MAY TO PARTICIPATE SEVENTH COMMERCE MINISTERS MEETING (WP). UPI REPORTS KIM IL S'NG WHO IS 64 THIS MONTH CENTER OF MOST INTENSE PERSONALITY CULT. PHOTOS SEEN EVERYWHERE; BIRTHPLACE NATIONAL SHRINE; MAJOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTES NAMED FOR HIM. CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY TO NAME SON SUCCESSOR. DESCRIBES AGING LEADERSHIP AROUND KIM WHICH WILL SOON FACE SUCCESSION PROBLEM (BALT N-A).

JOC REPORTS THAT JAPANESE MITI SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING SUSPENSION OF ALL NEW EXPORT INSURANCE TO NKOREA IN VIEW OF NO PAYMENTS ON EARLIER CREDITS. MITI HOPES TO HAVE UNOFFICIAL TALKS IN PYONGYANG SOON ON THE 60 MILLION UNCLASSIFIED

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DOL NK DEBT. MITI PLANS TO LOOK INTO PROSPECTS FOR

TWO-THREE YEAR DEBT MORATORIUM SIMILAR TO THAT OF SWEDEN OR AUSTRIA. NK NOT HELPING SITUATION BY REFUSING SUPPLY INFORMATION. SINCE LAST YEAR VOLUME OF TRADE WITH JAPAN REDUCED 42 PCT.

UPI REPORTS IN JOC THAT GROWING INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

SPURRED BY ACTIVE EXPORTS AND CONSTRUCTION STABILIZES ROK ECONOMY, ACCORDING TO EPB. INFLATION STILL PROBLEM.

2. INDOCHINA

IN RADIO INTERVIEW AT INDIANAPOLIS, THURSDAY, PRES SAID HAS NO INTENTION EXTENDING NVN DIP RECOGNITION, AND STATEMENTS TO CONTRARY IRRESPONSIBLE. IMPLIED HAS IN MIND REPORTED REAGAN REMARKS THAT US CONTEMPLATING RECOGNITION HANOI (REUTER INDIANAPOLIS).

AT THURS PRESS CONFERENCE ON EVE DEPARTURE FOR AFRICA TRIP, SECSTATE MADE POINT "ABSOLUTE PRE-CONDITTON" FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH NVN ABOUT NORMALIZATION RELS IS COMPLETE ACCOUNTING US MIAS (CARTER, NYDN). MARDER (WP) QUOTES HAK THAT NVN LEADERS SUFFER FROM MISAPPREHENSION US NEEDS IMPROVED RELATIONSHIP WITH HANOI TO EFFECT OUTCOME OUR ELECTIONS, BUT NO POSSIBILITY IMPROVING RELS WITHOUT MIA ACCOUNTING. HAK ADDS PREPARED WAIT FOR DISCUSSIONS UNTIL AFTER ELECTION. MARDER NOTES US RECEIVED STERN NVN REPLY TO OVERTURE ON NORMALIZING RELS; SECSTATE REPLY IS "THEY HAVE A TENDENCY TO PROCEED BY THE FORMULATION OF ULTIMATUMS."

NVN'S GIAP CALLS ON ARMED FORCES HELP BUILD COUNTRY'S ECONOMY, HEAL WAR WOUNDS, SET UP FOUNDATIONS SOCIALISM, DEVELOP REV HEROISM ON PRODUCTIVE FRONT (REUTER, NYT).

NUNBER PERSONS DETAINED IN LAOS FOR POL RE-EDUCATION REPORTEDLY KILLED WHEN TRIED ESCAPE FROM PRISON (WP).

3. THAILAND

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NEW DEFENSE MINISTER KRIS SRIVARA DIES OF HEART ATTACK. CONSIDERED PRO-US, KRIS SUPPORTED US INDOCHINA POLICY, WAS ONE MOST INFLUENTIAL FIGURES IN THAI MIL CIRCLES. IN 1973, REFUSED SEND IN TROOPS PUT DOWN STUDENT REVOLT; SUPPORT ASSURED STUDENT'S SUCCESS, ENDED DECADES MIL RULE (AP, WP).

4. THAILAND/MALAYSIA

MALAYSIAN JETS BOMBED, STRAFED GUERRILLA POSITIONS
IN THAILAND LAST WK, ACCORDING RTG SPOKESMAN. MOVE
IN APPARENT VIOLATION "HOT PURSUIT" RIGHT (WP).

5. MALAYSIA

THREE THOUSAND TROOPS SUPPORTED BY AF SEARCH FOR 300
COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS ALONG THAI BORDER (REUTER W MALAYSIA).

6 . JAPAN

CSM'S OKA REPORTS INTERVIEW WITH SAKATA WHO OUTLINES
THREE GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR JAPAN'S DEFENSE:WILL
TO RESIST AGRESSION; MINIMUM DEFENSE CAPABILITY
WHICH WILL NEITHER STRAIN PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOOD NOR BE
REGARDED AS THREAT BY OTHERS; THE SECURITY TREATY
WITH THE U.S. SAKATA QUOTED AS SAYING "AS LONG AS
AMERICAN TROOPS REMAIN IN KOREA I DO NOT THINK THERE
WILL BE ANY WAR". DOUBTS THAT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES
NKOREA WOULD RISK AN ATTACK. SAYS JAPAN COULD MAKE NO
MILITARY CONTRIBUTION TO DEFENSE OF KOREA OR TO
ASIAN SECURITY, EXCEPT TO MAINTAIN ITS OWN SELF-DEFENSE
FORCE. BUDGET LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF GNP. SAKATA'S
IS CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE HAS HELPED GAIN SOCIALIST
SUPPORT FOR SDF.

REUTER REPORTS DEPUTY VICE DEFENSE MINISTER TAKAMI
AS SAYING JAPAN WOULD NOT CHANGE ITS POLICY OF MINIMUM
DEFENSE CAPABILITY. TAKAMI SPEAKING IN RESPONSE TO
PRES FORD'S STATEMENT THAT AS TIME PASSES JAPAN
UNDOUBTEDLY WILL AND SHOULD DO MORE.
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UPI REPORTS MIKI PLANS TO SEND SPECIAL ENVOY TO
WASHINGTON RE LOCKHEED (WSTAR). NYT REPORTS DIET
AGREEMENT TO CALL OFF BOYCOTT AS RESULT OF SPECIAL
ENVOY AND DIET MISSION GOING TO US.SPECIAL DIET
INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE TO BE SET UP.

JOC REPORTS WGERMANS SUSPECT JAPANESE DUMPING BALL
BEARINGS. ALSO REPORTS NEW VESSEL ORDERS IN JAPAN
YARDS DOWN 9 PCT FROM LAST YEAR.

SEIDEN IN BALT SUN REPORTS LENGTHY ACCOUNT OF
SUCCESSFUL TRASHING OF MT. FUJI.

7. PHILIPPINES

ABOUT 100 MOSLEM REBELS ARMED WITH KNIVES CREPT INTO ARMY ENCAMPMENT, KILLED 23 SOLDIERS (WP; AP, NYDN) ON JOLO ISLAND APR 12 (AP, NYDN).

8. INDONESIA/TIMOR

UNSC PASSES RESOLUTION CALLING ON GOI WITHDRAW FORCES FROM E TIMOR. INDO DIPLOMATS SAY RESOLUTION UNACCEPTABLE, SINCE ALREADY WITHDRAWING FORCES AND RESOLUTION GIVES NO DEADLINE (WP). RESOLUTION IS 2ND SUCH UN PLEA; GOI IGNORED SIMILAR DEC 22 CALL (PHINQ; AP, NYDN). US, JAPAN, BENIN ABSTAIN FROM SC VOTING (AP, NYDN). NYT'S HOFMANN SEES RESOLUTION IMPLICITY DENOUNCING GOI OCCUPATION; SAYS THIRD WORLD SPLIT IN EVALUATION INDO'S STAND. REPORTS MANY DELEGATES, SOME UN OFFICIALS, SAY PRIVATELY SC DOCUMENT'S RATHER BLAND LANGUAGE PRACTICALLY MEANS GOI GIVEN LEEWAY CONSOLIDATE HOLD ON TIMOR.

9. SINGAPORE

CONSUMER PRICES DECLINED 1.3 PCT IN MARCH. INFLATION AT 3 PCT RATE LAST YR COMPARED WITH 22 PCT IN 1974 (UPI, JOC).

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10. AUSTRALIA

"TOVE (JOC) REPORTS UNDER GOVT'S NEW AUTO POLICY, WILL BE 5 CAR MAKERS: GM, FORD, CHRYSLER, TOYOTA, DATSUN; GOA SAYS "HIGHLY DESIRABLE" LATTER 2 MANUFACTURE IN AUSTRALIA, BECOME PART LOCAL INDUSTRY. NOTES LEYLAND/VW AVE EARLIER PULLED OUT BECAUSE GOING TOO ROUGH. OPINES 5 CAR-MAKERS COULD BE 4 TOO MANY, CONSIDERING SIZE LOCAL MARKET, IMPORTS. REVIEWS ECONOMICS OF AUSTRALIA AUTO MANUFACTURE.

BANDITS MAY HAVE ESCAPED WITH OVER 6 MILLION DOLS IN MELBOURNE SPORTING CLUB RAID (REUTER, C ITRIB); 100,000 DOL REWARD OFFERED IN HEIST (WSTAR 4/22).

11. VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP

ROCKEY REPORTS COUNTRIES HE RECENTLY VISITED GRAVELY CONCERNED ABOUT RELIABILITY/CONSISTENCY US FOREIGN POLICY. IN INTERVIEW, VP SAYS FRIENDS, AFTER "DRAWING BACK" FOLLOWING END VN WAR, AGAIN "REACHING OUT" FOR US SUPPORT. ADDS MANY LEADERS TOLD HIM WANT STRONGER

US MIL PRESENCE IN AREA, APPALLED US DID NOT TAKE
DECISIVE STAND ANGOLA. ROCKY STATES AUSSIE/NZ GOVTS
DESIRE US NAVAL PRESENCE S PAC (SHABECOFF, NYT).
RESTON (NYT) NOTES VP RETURNED WITH GLOOMY REPORT THAT
MANY BEST FRIENDS QUESTIONING US WILL TO RESIST.
POINTS OUT NOT SO LONG AGO WERE COMPLAINING ABOUT CIA

ACTIVITIE" AGAINST SPREAD COMMUNISM, BUT NOW
ASKING WHETHER, FOLLOWING VN DEFEAT, EVEN CIA
CRIPPLED BY CRITICS.

12. BUTZ TRIP

UPI POINTS OUT PARTY OF 26, INCLUDING SOME WIVES,
COSTING 112,000 DOLS. USAF JET BEING USED; SOURCES
SAY COMMERCIAL TRAVEL AVOIDED BY CABINET OFFICERS DUE
FEAR HIJACKING (NYDN).

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IN SINGAPORE THURSDAY, USDA'S BUTZ PREDICTED PRC,
IN LONG TERM, WILL BECOME US TRADING PARTNER --
THERE WILL BE CHINESE MARKET FOR US FEED GRAINS.
BUTZ TOLD NEWS CONFERENCE THAT LAST MONTH PRC COMPLETED
NEW GRAIN/SOY BEAN SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH US EXPORTERS
(AP WP, PHINQ). UPI (SINGAPORE) REPORTS US AGRIC
ATTACHES SAYING PRC WILL HAVE ANOTHER GOOD CROP THIS
YEAR AND PROBABLY 'ILL NOT NEED IMPORT US FARM PRODUCTS.
KOY NEELEY, OF US MISSION STAFF IN PEKING, TOLD
CONFERENCE OF US ASIAN EMBASSY AGRIC ATTACHES GATHERED
FOR MEETING WITH BUTZ THAT GOOD YEAR EXPECTED UNLESS
THERE IS SEVERE FLOODING. HK AGRIC ATTACHE CHAMPEAU
AGREED NO REASON WHY PRC WILL NOT PRODUCE FIFTEENTH
CONSECUTIVE BUMPER, IF NOT RECORD, HARVEST THIS YEAR
(JOC; NYDN).

NCNA REPORTED THURSDAY THAT PEOPLE'S DAILY HAS CALLED
ON COUNTRY'S MASSES TO CONTINUE CRITICIZING TENG
IN ORDER WIN "STILL GREATER VICTORIES" IN SOCIALIST
REVOLUTION (SUN'S ISAACS, IN HK).

NYT'S TANNER, IN CAIRO, QUOTES ARAB DIPLOMATS THAT
SADAT'S PRESSING NEED TO ENTER LASTING MIL SUPPLY
RELATIONSHIP WITH PRC WAS ONE OF MAIN REASONS THAT
PROMPTED HIS BREAK WITH SOVIET LAST MONTH.

NYT'S DOUGHERTY REPORTS MCGRAW-HILL'S INTERNATIONAL
PUBLICATIONS CO HAS SIGNED AGREEMENT, EFFECTIVE MAY 1,

GIVING IT OPTION TO BUY STOCK IN HK-BASED PUBLICATION
MAI-KUO KUNG YEH TAO PAO (AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL REPORT).
THIS WILL ALSO INVOLVE IMMEDIATE PROVIDING OF EDITORIAL
IDEAS AND AD SERVICES TO WHAT IS REPORTEDLY ONLY
COMPREHENSIVE CHINESE-LANGUAGE US MAG DISTRIBUTED
INSIDE PRC.

14. MARIANAS ISLANDS

CSM WELCOMES 14 ISLANDS AS US COMMONWEALTH. QUOTES
RESIDENT THAT NOW NO LONGER INSECURE, FEEL BELONG
TO SOMETHING.
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15. AUSTRALIA

WILLIS (CSM) LOOKS OVER LAND OF PROMISE, FINDS NEW
SELF-CONFIDENCE, GROWING SELF-AWARENESS. POINTS
OUT IMPORTANCE MINERAL, FOOD PRODUCTION TO WORLD.
INTERVIEWS FRASER WHO POSITIVE AUSSIES NEED LESS
CENTRAL GOVT, LESS PUBLIC SPENDING, MORE SELF-RELIANCE.
IM BELIEVES SHOULD BE WARY USSR ACTIONS INDIAN OCEAN,
COUNTRY NEEDS CLOSER TIES US. WILLIS FINDS FRASER
STILL SORTING OUT DETAILS OF WHAT WANTS DO;
OPINES WILL NOT DISMANTLE ALL CHANGES MADE BY WHITLAM.
DISCUSSES AUSSIE CHARACTER, HOPES. NOTES PM'S ABILITY
GET ALONG WITH TRADE UNIONS STILL TO BE TESTED. MENTIONS
IMPACT ON COUNTRY OF POST-WAR IMMIGRATION; POINTS
OUT STILL TAKES IN RELATIVELY FEW ASIANS. NOTES LACK
GENERAL AWARENESS CULTURES, LANGUAGES OF ASIA. CONCLUDES
RICH, DIVERSE, MATURING AUSSIES MUST NOW MEASURE UP
TO DEMANDS OF WORLD SEEKING RESOURCES, MARKET FOR
EXPORTS; STATES BIG CHALLENGES LIE AHEAD.

16. AUSTRALIA/JAPAN

CSM'S WILLIS SEES ISLAND NATIONS LINKED BY BRIDGE
OF TRADE, SIMILAR POSITION IN RELATION TO WORLD ON
DEFENSE, US TIES, ANTICOMMUNISM; BUT NOTES NEITHER
REALLY KNOWS MUCH ABOUT OTHER. POINTS OUT JAPAN
EASTERN, HARD-DRIVING, INTENSE, AMBITIOUS, RESTLESS;
AUSTRALIA WESTERN, RELAXED, REMOTE, ONLY BEGINNING
FIND OWN GLOBAL NICHE. OPINES SO FAR PARTNERSHIP
WORKS, DESPITE EXISTENCE FRICTIONS. MENTIONS JAPAN
VISIT BY DEP PM, FRASER'S PROJECTED TRIP TO TOKYO,
PEKING. SAYS DESPITE MUTUAL NEED, TO JAPAN, AUSTRALIA
IS QUARRY/FARM; WHILE TO AUSSIES, JAPAN MAKES GOOD
CAMERAS/AUTOS. STATES SENIOR OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE
NEED DO SOMETHING; CONCLUDED RELATIONSHIP BASED ON

TRADE ONLY CAN BE UPSET BY CHANGES IN TRADING CONDITIONS,
WHILE GREATER DEGREE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING MIGHT MAKE
FOR MORE STABLE FUTURE IN ASIA.

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CSM SEES NEW PRC-EGYPT TIES RAISING QUESTION WHERE
SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE HEADED AND WHAT IMPLICATIONS THIS
WILL HAVE FOR US FOPOLICY -- ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF
PEKING SHIFTING POLITICAL SCENE. SAYS FOOLISH FOR US
ASSUME SINO-SOVIET DETENTE OUT OF QUESTION, SINCE
HISTORICALLY THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER DRAMATIC PEKING
REVERSES. THEREFORE, SEES VALIDITY IN ARGUMENT THAT
US SHOULD FOCUS LESS ON DOMINANT SINO-SOVIET/WORLD-
BALANCE-OF-POWER COMPONENT OF OUR RELATIONSHIP TO
PEKING, AND MORE ON BILATERAL RELS WITH CHINESE.

WP SAYS US CAN ONLY BE PLEASED BY EMERGENCE SOUTH
ASIAN PATTERN POINTING TOWARD IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE
IN SUBCONTINENT AND REDUCED SOVIET POSITION THERE.
CITES SIGNS OF IMPROVED PRC-INDIA RELS, AND INDIA'S
FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO PAK OVERTURES. BUT WARNS
BALANCE OF POWER AND COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS IN AREA,
WHILE DESIRABLE GOALS, DO NOT OF THEMSELVES TRANSLATE INTO
FOOD, JOBS, DEVELOPMENT, HUMAN DIGNITY -- IMPORTANT NEEDS
FOR LONG-TERM STABILITY/WELFARE IN ASIA AND WORLD.

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD, IN HK, SAYS ANNOUNCEMENTS PRC/INDIA
RESUMING FULL DIPLO RELS AND THAT LEE KUAN YEW WILL
VISIT PEKING REPRESENT IMPORTANT DIPLO BREAKTHROUGH
FOR PRC. NOTES, MOREOVER, THAT NEWLY-ELECTED AUSSIE
AND NZ PREMIERS, "BOTH AVOWED CONSERVATIVES," SCHEDULED
VISIT PEKING SHORTLY. SAYS HK DIPLOMATS HAVE BEEN
IMPRESSED THAT THESE MOVES SEEM INDICATE PRC'S
OUTWARD-LOOKING FOPOLICY OF RECENT YEARS IS NOT ISSUE
IN CURRENT DIVISIVE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SWEEPING
COUNTRY. BUT WHILE THESE ACTIONS CONSTITUTE TRIUMPHS
FOR PEKING, DIPLOMATS HAVE ALSO NOTICED THAT IN EACH
CASE INITIATIVE SEEMS TO HAVE COME FROM OUTSIDE PRC.
THIS, SOME SAY, IN KEEPING WITH TRADITIONAL CHINESE
VIEW THAT FOREIGNERS SHOULD COME TO THEM, RATHER THAN
VICE VERSA; BUT RECENT SERIES OF SUCCESSES ALSO
INVOLVED SOME LUCK.

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND, AT CANTON, SAYS BUSINESSMEN ARRIVING
FOR TRADE FAIR REPORT FINDING NO SIGNS OF CHANCE IN
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PEKING'S TRADE PATTERNS AS RESULT OF CURRENT ANTI-TENG CAMPAIGN. BUSINESSMEN REPORT SHORTAGES IN WIDE RANGE OF ITEMS BEING SOLD BY CHINESE, BUT THESE ATTRIBUTED TO GREAT VOLUME OF BUSINESS BEING DONE BETWEEN FAIRS, UNFORESEEN SURGE IN DEMAND FOR SOME PRODUCTS, AND LOWERED PRODUCTION WELL BEFORE START OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGN.

SOUTHERLAND SAW NO SIGNS OF VIOLENCE HAVING OCCURRED IN CANTON.

JOC'S STRAUSS, AT CANTON, SAYS INITIAL INDICATIONS ARE THIS WILL NOT BE ONE OF BETTER TRADE FAIRS BECAUSE OF MASSIVE SHORTAGES IN TRADITIONAL EXPORTS. IN ACCOMPANYING COLUMN, STRAUSS OBSERVES THAT, DESPITE THOUSANDS ANTI-TENG POSTERS, CANTON IS RELAXED, FRIENDLY AND INCREASINGLY PROSPEROUS CITY, WHICH SEEMS REGARD NATIONWIDE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN WITH SHRUG. NOTES ALTHOUGH EVERYONE SAID TO BE CRITICIZING TENG, LANGUAGE OF POSTERS NOT PARTICULARLY VIOLENT; SOME HAVE TENG'S NAME NEATLY CROSSED OUT, AND CADRES WORKING TRADE FAIR DO NOT EVEN MENTION CAMPAIGN TO BUSINESSMEN.

18. KOREA

GLOBE'S SNOW (4/22), IN SEOUL, LOOKING AT "ASIA - ONE YEAR LATER", FINDS SKOREANS PREOCCUPIED WITH FEAR OF 1950-STYLE NK INVASION, AND NATION "STRUNG AS TIGHT AS A VIOLIN" SINCE COMMUNIST VICTORY IN VN. UNLIKE SEA NATIONS, ROK HAS NOT EASED INITIAL ALERT. SKOREANS SENSITIVE TO FACT US POLITICAL MOODS INFLUENCED BY REPORTS OF REPRESSION, BUT THEY STILL DISPLAY 'COMPULSIVE RELIANCE' ON US. ROK OFFICIALS SEE VN AS "SAD COMMENTARY" ON LACK US WILL.

SNOW STATES FORD ADMIN SEEN PUSHING FOR RENEWAL N-S TALKS. NOTES AMEMBASSY SOURCES HINT US PRESSURING PARK "EASE UP POLITICALLY", TALK 'ARCHLY' OF US SHIFTING FROM "BLIND COMMITMENT" TO "CLOSE INVOLVEMENT." ABOVE ALL, IN UNSTEADY POST-VN PERIOD SAYS PARK PARTY LINE ON NK THREAT

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DOMINATES DEBATE.

IN LISTING GIFTS TURNED IN GSA UNDER 1966 FOREIGN

GIFTS, DECORATIONS ACT, MAXINE CHESHIRE (WP) NOTES
JOHN NIDECKER (SPEC ASST NIXON, FORD) HANDED OVER
1,000-YR-OLD SET WINE CUPS WORTH 10,000 DOLS, RECEIVED
FROM SK PROV GOV. RECALLS NIDECKER 'COURTED HEAVILY"
BY ROK OFFICIALS 1974; GOT "BLANKET OFFER" FROM NATL
ASSYMAN CHIN HWAN ROW SUPPORT ANY CONGRESSIONAL
CANDIDATE ENDORSED BY NIXON ADMIN, WHICH HE REBUFFED
WHEN NSC ADVISED MIGHT VIOLATE US CAMPAIGN LAWS.
ADDS MRS. SCHLESINGER TURNED IN 1,200 DOL GOLD NECKLACE
FROM MRS. KIM JONG PIL.

19. INDOCHINA

CSN'S TAMARKIN AT BANGKOK REPORTS KR VICTORY YR AGO
PLUNGED CAMBODIA INTO AGONY OF FEAR, HUNGER, EXECUTIONS.
SEES KR BENT ON ERASING LEGACY COLONIAL CENTURY,
DETERMINED MAKE CAMBODIA SELF-SUFFICIENT AT ANY COST.
REVIEWS STORIES REFUGEES, FEW VISITORS. BELIEVES
EVACUATION PP MEANS CONTROLLING POPULATION. WONDERS
HOW MANY KHMERS DIED UNDER HAND KR; OPINES QUESTION
WILL NEVER BE ANSWERED UNTIL COUNTRY OPENS DOORS
TO WORLD, WHICH HIGHLY UNLIKELY FOR NEAR FUTURE.

BARNES (NYT) REVIEWS OPENING PLAY "STREAMERS,' 3RD
IN VN WAR TRILOGY BY DAVID RABE. FINDS PURPOSE SHOW
FACE VIOLENCE.

20. INDOCHINA/KOREA

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP; BALTO N-A 4/22) FIND CAMBODIA,
NK WORLD'S 2 MOST BRUTAL DICTATORSHIPS. NOTE KR HAVE
TURNED COUNTRY INTO NATION OF CATTLE, WITH MASS EXODUS
FROM CITIES, EXECUTIONS, FORCED LABOR. SAY NK
POPULATION TERRORIZED FOR 2 GENERATIONS, WITH HUNDREDS
OF THOUSANDS IMPRISONED, BANISHED, MOST PEOPLE UNDER
SURVEILLANCE. POINT OUT WORLD PRESS PAYS SCANT ATTENTION
TO THESE TERRORIZED NATIONS, PREFERRING EXPOSE
CORRUPTION IN THAILAND, EXCORIATE PARK CHUNG HEE. NOTE
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IN BOTH COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIPS, REGIME HAS PULLED
DOWN BLINDS, CAREFULLY CONTROL LIGHT THAT LEAKS THROUGH.
FIND SIMILAR STORY IN BOTH COUNTRIES, BUT LESS KILLING,
MORE COERCION IN NK. CONCLUDE TIME WORLD RECOGNIZED,
CONDEMNED TERRIBLE TYRANNY CAMBODIA, NK.

21. GENERAL

HARSCH (CSM) WONDERS, YR AFTER VN WAR, WHO GAINED
WHAT? NOTES US INVESTMENT BASED ON ASSUMPTION

ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE USSR-PRC ALLIANCE DOMINANT OVER
SEA, THEN "LEAPING" TO ME, ACROSS AFRICA, TO LATIN
AMERICA. POINTS OUT US DOESN'T DOMINATE SEA, BUT
NEITHER DOES ANYONE ELSE; USSR, PRC HAVE FALLEN OUT,
ARE RIVALS IN AREA. ADDS INDIA REGAINING INDEPENDENCE
FROM USSR BY RECONCILIATION WITH PEKING. SEES OTHER
COUNTRIES IN AREA WITH ROOM FOR MANEUVER: VN FAVORS
MOSCOW BECAUSE PRC CLOSER; CAMBODIA LEANS TOWARD PRC
AS COUNTER VN INFLUENCE. MENTIONS PRC RECENT DEAL WITH
EGYPT. CONCLUDES NEITHERUSSR, PRC HAS FALLEN HEIR TO

US FORMER SEA POSITION. OPINES US POSITION SEA
ACTUALLY STRONGER NOW THAN YR AGO, SINCE US INFLUENCE
SOUGHT RATHER THAN FEARED, AND AREA NO LONGER DRAIN
ON US RESOURCES. EAGLEBURGER

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